

**Tempe Fire Department Policies and Procedures**  
**Tactical Priorities**  
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The basic tactical priorities listed below identify the three separate tactical functions that must be completed in order to stabilize any fire situation. They also establish the order in which they must be performed.

- #1 - Rescue
- #2 - Fire Control
- #3 - Property Conservation

These functions should be regarded as separate, yet inter-related, activities which must be dealt with in order. Command cannot proceed on to the next priority until the current function objective has been completed.

Rescue - The activities required to protect occupants, remove those who are threatened, and to treat the injured.

Fire Control - The activities required to stop the forward progress of the fire and to bring the fire under control.

Property Conservation - The activities required to stop or reduce additional loss to property.

The objectives of each priority are reflected in the following bench marks of completion:

1. Rescue - primary search (all clear).
2. Fire Control - under control.
3. Property Conservation - loss stopped.

All three tactical priorities require somewhat different tactical approaches from both a Command and an operational standpoint.

While Command must satisfy the objective of each function in its priority order, he must, in many cases, overlap and "mix" the activities of each to achieve the current bench mark. Notable examples are the frequent need to achieve interior tenability with active/extensive fire control efforts before getting on with a primary search, or the need to initiate salvage operations, while active fire control efforts are being extended.